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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commission on Agriculture Costs and Prices (CACP) fixes minimum support price of FCV variety tobacco only ignoring the other 20 varieties of tobacco cultivated in the country; (

(b) if so, the reasons for ignoring the other varieties; and (

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to fix minimum support price for other varieties also?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) - (c): The Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) recommends minimum support price (MSP) only for Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco since only the production of this variety is subject to regulation by Government, through the Tobacco Board. There is no proposal at present to bring non-FCV varieties of tobacco under the ambit of regulation.